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The Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's note of 16 December 1991, in which the Swedish Government is requested to provide information on the measures instituted to meet the obligations set out in paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 713 (1991) concerning a general and complete embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Yugoslavia.

Enclosed is an aide-mémoire containing the relevant information from the Swedish Government.

Annex

AIDE-MEMOIRE

Report pursuant to Security Council resolution 724 (1991) with regard to deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Yugoslavia

Swedish law prohibits the export of military equipment from Sweden without permission from the Government (Act 1988:558 concerning Prohibition of Exports of Military Equipment and related matters, dated 1 July 1988).

In granting permission for exports of military equipment, certain guidelines are applied. These guidelines have been approved by Parliament and include, inter alia, an unconditional undertaking not to permit arms exports when there exists a United Nations Security Council resolution prohibiting such exports to a certain country.

By May 1991 the Swedish Government ceased granting any permits for export of Swedish military equipment to Yugoslavia because of the domestic situation in that country. In the preceding two years only very few permits were granted, all concerning spare parts and other auxiliary equipment.

Because of the outbreak of armed hostilities in Yugoslavia at the end of June 1991, the Swedish Government decided on 11 July 1991, not to grant any new permits for sale of military equipment to Yugoslavia and also to revoke a few outstanding permits which had been issued at the beginning of the year but where deliveries had not taken place.

In accordance with existing legislation, the above-mentioned decision by the Swedish Government and the unconditional undertaking with regard to Security Council resolutions, no deliveries of military equipment to Yugoslavia have taken place as of 25 September 1991. There exist no valid permits that would allow such deliveries after this date, nor has the Government granted any new permits. It is the policy of the Swedish Government not to consider any permits that would allow deliveries of military equipment from Sweden to Yugoslavia as long as the embargo decided by the Security Council is in force, nor as long as widespread violations of human rights and/or armed hostilities continue in that country.